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RecyclingWorks Newsletter, March 2017

RecyclingWorks Spotlight: Town of Lee

Following the success of the Lenox Environmental Committee's outreach to encourage restaurants in the Town of Lenox to start diverting food scraps for composting, RecyclingWorks in Massachusetts approached the [Town of Lee](#) for a similar program. The Lee Greener Gateway Committee and RecyclingWorks reached out to a few dozen restaurants in Lee to promote diverting wasted food.

The outreach uncovered that several restaurants in town already had relationships with local farmers to feed their food scraps to animals, such as pigs. Through this coordinated effort, RecyclingWorks and the Greener Gateway Committee connected other restaurants in town to farmers and organics haulers to increase the number diverting material for animal feed or composting.

The committee also created a "Table to Farm" window decal to highlight which restaurants divert their food scraps.



Upcoming Events

March 9

CURC Webinar Series:
[Campus Reuse Programs](#)

March 21

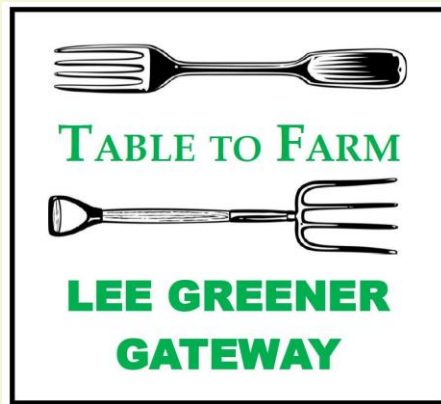
[MassDEP C&D Subcommittee Meeting](#)
Boston

March 27

[MassRecycle R3 Conference](#)
Framingham

March 30

[Compost Site Operators Workshop](#)
Wilmington



RecyclingWorks Program Update: Draft C&D Guidance Available

Over the course of 2016, RecyclingWorks hosted 13 stakeholder conversations to develop Best Management Practices for Construction & Demolition (C&D) materials. A [draft](#) of the input we've collected is ready for review and comment.

If you would like to comment on the draft, please download the Word version of the file below and use it to review and comment using track changes. The following link will automatically download the document when clicked:

[Draft C&D BMPs – Word Format](#)

Please submit comments to info@recyclingworksma.com by Monday, March 6.

March 31

[EPA WasteWise & Food Recovery Challenge](#)

Reporting Due Date

April 4

[Green Your Bottom Line Workshop](#)

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April 4-7

[BioCycle East Coast 17 Conference](#)

Baltimore, MD

April 13

CURC Webinar Series:
[Building Support for Waste Reduction Programs](#)

May 3

[Green Your Bottom Line Workshop](#)

Gloucester

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Grant Opportunities this Month

Two grant opportunities are currently available through the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources (MDAR):

- [FY2017 Federal State Marketing Improvement Program \(FSMIP\)](#) grants fund projects that improve the efficiency and success of the U.S. agricultural marketing system. Organizations seeking to assist producers in marketing compost or anaerobic digester are encouraged to apply. Proposals are due March 13.
- [FY2017 Massachusetts Food Ventures Program \(MFVP\)](#) grants fund projects that advance the [MA Local Food Action Plan](#). Last year, three of the grants through MFVP were to [increase food processing infrastructure](#) and reduce waste of surplus food. Proposals are due March 15.

Featured Event: Compost Site Operators Workshop

RecyclingWorks is hosting a no-cost [workshop for compost site operators](#) in Massachusetts. The half-day workshop will focus on operator competency in compost management and regulatory compliance, with a focus on composting food materials. The workshop will be led by James McSweeney of Compost Technical Services. All interested parties are encouraged to register but priority will be given to current and future compost site operators.

To register, please contact RecyclingWorks at 888-254-5525 or email info@recyclingworksma.com.

Featured Articles

- [The Washington Post](#) reports that the Food Marketing Institute and the Grocery Manufacturers Association are adopting new date labeling standards to reduce confusion and food waste..
- A recent [Waste 360](#) article discusses opportunities for offices to increase recycling.
- [BioCycle](#) shared the results of the MassDEP report on the economic impacts of the Commercial Food Waste Ban.